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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the first paragraph on page 1 and insert therefor the following replacement paragraph:

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A This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/109,987, filed November 25, 1998 and is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of Application Serial No. 09/139,438, filed August 25, 1998 and issuing as U.S. Patent No. 6,141,398 assigned to the present assignee.

Remarks

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002, for the above-identified patent application from November 13, 2002, through and including



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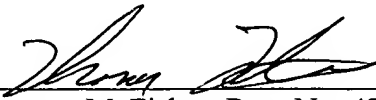
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